

# Office of Governor Mitch Daniels

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# Weekly wrap-up

## Firm to create more than 750 jobs in southern Indiana

Nov. 1, 2007- Governor Mitch Daniels joined executives from business process integration leader Connexions Inc. to announce the company's plans to locate a new customer support center in Jeffersonville, creating more than 750 new jobs.



*Nov. 1, 2007- Gov. Daniels talks with a Jeffersonville resident at the Connexions, Inc. jobs announcement.*

The Orlando-based firm will invest more than \$6 million to establish a secure customer contact center that will employ customer care professionals, licensed insurance agents, registered nurses and technical support specialists to serve its national client base.

"We're welcoming another great company to Indiana, which has the nation's best business climate and the lowest unemployment rate in the Midwest," said Daniels. "Southeastern Indiana is contributing as much as any region to Indiana's economic comeback."

Connexions, which operates similar facilities in Florida and North Carolina, will provide integrated business services for a number of well-known healthcare insurance companies from the new Jeffersonville facility beginning later this year. Connexions' technology and customer contact services are designed to help its client companies gain new customers and maintain brand loyalty.

[Read the news release.](#)

## Plastics company to make Evansville its global headquarters

Oct. 30, 2007- Governor Mitch Daniels and Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel joined executives from Berry Plastics to announce the company's plans to consolidate its global corporate headquarters in Evansville, creating 250 new jobs.

The manufacturer and marketer of plastic packaging products will begin to invest more than \$20 million to build and equip a new headquarters facility and will begin increasing staffing to meet the needs of the growing business.



*Oct. 30, 2007- Gov. Daniels greets employees at Berry Plastics after a tour of the company's Evansville facility.*

"Berry Plastics joins a growing list of companies like Arcadia Healthcare, Really Cool Foods and SMC Corporation that have decided to grow their global headquarters in Indiana. Headquarters locations, with the high-paying jobs and community commitment they bring, are the best news an economy can get," Daniels said.

[Read the news release.](#)



*Oct. 30, 2007- Governor Daniels joined executives from Berry Plastics to announce the company will consolidate its worldwide headquarters in Evansville, creating 250 jobs.*

[Listen to the governor's radio interview on WJOB.](#)

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## Governor and first lady host trick-or-treaters at Governor's Residence



*Oct. 31, 2007- The governor and first lady dressed as members of an Indy Racing League pit crew.*

Oct. 31, 2007– For the third consecutive year, Governor Mitch Daniels and First Lady Cheri Daniels hosted trick-or-treaters at the Governor's Residence on Halloween night.

The governor and first lady handed out assorted candy donated by four Indiana companies as well as mini Frisbees from the Indiana Coordinated School Health Program. Schimpff's Confectionery of Jeffersonville donated milk and white chocolate dipped pretzels; DeBrand Fine Chocolates of Fort Wayne donated a variety of caramels, Nutcrackers, European Hearts and gourmet PBJ; Mundt's Candies of Madison donated their famous fish candy; and Zachary's Confections, Inc. of Frankfort donated jelly pumpkins, candy corn and candy pumpkins.

"We were excited to continue the tradition of hosting trick-or-treaters at the Governor's Residence," said First Lady Cheri Daniels. "As a bonus this year, we handed out candy made right here in Indiana."

The governor and first lady dressed as members of an Indy Racing League (IRL) pit crew and had an IRL race car at the Residence during trick-or-treat hours.



*Oct. 31, 2007– Governor Daniels with a young Hoosier on Halloween.*

## Governor requests federal assistance for northern Indiana

Nov. 2, 2007- Governor Mitch Daniels took action to request assistance for Hoosiers in northern Indiana devastated by a tornado and severe storms that occurred on October 18.

In compliance with federal regulations and Indiana Code, Executive Order 07-19 was issued to declare a disaster emergency in northern Indiana. In addition, the governor sent a letter to President George W. Bush to request federal assistance for Hoosiers affected by this severe storm damage that occurred in Elkhart, Marshall and Kosciusko counties, particularly in the city of Nappanee.

The letter outlines the effects of the tornado that ripped through this area of the state, causing severe damage to homes and businesses.

The governor is seeking assistance that would qualify residents for individual and disaster assistance. Specifically, he has requested the implementation of Individual Assistance Programs, which include disaster housing, disaster unemployment assistance, crisis counseling, and individual and household programs, as well as hazard mitigation and Small Business Administration disaster loans.



*Nov. 2, 2007- Governor Daniels ate breakfast with several local teachers at A Nice Restaurant in New Albany.*

[Read the governor's letter to President Bush.](#)

[Read the news release.](#)

Gov. Daniels also sent a letter this week to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) appealing a decision to deny federal assistance for Hoosiers in Northern Indiana who suffered storm damage and flooding as the result of severe weather from July 26 through August 27.

On September 14, the governor sent a letter to President George W. Bush to request federal assistance for Hoosiers affected by this severe storm damage and flash flooding that occurred primarily in the Lake County area. The state received notification in early October that the request was not approved.

[Read the governor's letter to President Bush.](#)

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A look ahead...

Governor Daniels will travel to Crown Point and Hammond this week.